

White County Board Meeting  
July 10, 2007  
7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meetings and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked for a motion to pay all current bills. Mr. Nelson made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Trout. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trousdale, Director of the White County Ambulance Service, stated that they had received \$30,450.00 in Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. The ambulance service spent \$24,771.00 in expenditures with 50 percent of those expenditures being payroll for a net income of \$5,679.00. The fiscal year to date income is \$152,409.07. Chairman Wooten stated that the Ambulance Service is doing a great job but if they had to make a large capital expenditure such as an ambulance the General Fund or grants would have to make that purchase.

Mr. Mike Ray met with the jail committee prior to the meeting and the current jail population is 89 with a spike over the weekend of 105 inmates. The jail income was \$64,773.02 and the expenditures were \$51,280.00 for payroll and operating expenditures of \$33,000.00.

Mr. Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System will be held on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Braden Willis stated that the flag in front of the Courthouse was tattered and should be replaced. Chairman Wooten stated that the Sheriff was in charge of the building and grounds and they would see that it got replaced.

Chairman Wooten asked if there were any visitors who would like to address the Board.

Chairman Wooten explained that Mr. Brumley did not attend the Board meeting tonight because last evening Grayville did not vote to donate to the Southeastern Illinois Tourism Board. Chairman Wooten explained that the County's donation and the City of Carmi's donation all hinged on Grayville contributing. Ms. Cindy Conley, Treasurer, of the Southern Illinois Tourism Board stated that maybe some resources could be found through WEDG or other groups, which will allow White County to continue with Southeastern Tourism. Ms. Conley stated that White County would derive some benefit this year because the web-page was

already complete for this year along with the pamphlets. Ms. Conley stated that there was another Tourism group which serves counties that are not involved in a tourism board, but she got on their web-page and everything that was on it was in the past. Ms. Conley stated that economic development and tourism go hand in hand and she believes that was an important tool for the County. Chairman Wooten thanked Ms. Conley.

Chairman Wooten introduced Ms. Liz Hertzing to discuss an animal ordinance. Ms. Hertzing stated that there are problems with cats, abused animals etc. and she was coming before the Board to start a dialogue on ways to control some of the animal problems in the County. Mr. Webb, State's Attorney stated for the larger animals being abused there are individuals with the Illinois Department of Agriculture who investigate those complaints. Chairman Wooten told Ms. Hertzing even if the Board would adopt an animal ordinance it would only cover the unincorporated areas of White County. Chairman Wooten stated that a lot of people move to the country to have more freedom and Mr. Ray stated less government intervention. Ms. Conley stated that some counties have a person who volunteers to investigate animal abuse for the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Ms. Hertzing suggested that maybe the County Board could keep a directory of farmers that would like to have cats and some of the cats in town could be taken to their farms and Pets at Risk could be the go between. Ms. Conley agreed to be the go between. The board suggested that Ms. Hertzing go to the Farm Bureau and ask them to help with a list, but Chairman Wooten stated that the Farm Bureau only deals in large animals. Chairman Wooten asked that the matter be tabled until the Board could go back to their district and talk with their constituents.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the addendum to the FOP contract to include Court Security. The Court Security would receive the same benefits as the FOP. Mr. Trout made a motion to approve the addendum to the FOP contract, seconded by Ray. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was a preliminary engineering agreement for motor fuel tax monies on Section 07-01114-00-BR a Burnt Prairie Township Bridge. Mr. Brian Ray, County Engineer stated that this bridge was located at the crossroads of 2150N and 800E. Mrs. Mitchell made the motion to approve the preliminary engineering agreement seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten presented a preliminary engineering agreement for motor fuel tax on Section 07-0708135-00-BR for a township bridge in Indian Creek. Mr. Ray stated that this bridge and the following bridge are about 800 feet apart and rather than shutting down the road a two different times they would replace both of the bridges. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the preliminary engineering agreement, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten presented a preliminary engineering agreement for motor fuel tax monies on Section 07-0708136-00-BR a township bridge in Indian Creek. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the preliminary engineering agreement, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call.

Chairman Wooten stated that he would need a letter of approval for Mr. Brian Ray to negotiate right of way on Section 06-00100-00-BR a county bridge over Lime Kiln Creek. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to approve Brian Ray as the negotiator of right-of-way for a bridge over Lime Kiln Creek, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the resignation of Shane Pritchett from the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board. Chairman Wooten praised Mr. Pritchett's service as a 9-1-1 Board member. Mr. Trout made a motion to accept Mr. Pritchett resignation, seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item was to consider the appointment of Greg Bisch to fill the vacancy created by Shane Pritchett on the 9-1-1 Board. Chairman Wooten explained that Mr. Bisch has been with the metro Nashville Police and a twenty -three year member of the National Guard. Chariman Wooten stated that Mr. Bisch had a lot of experience and expertise to bring to the 9-1-1 Board. Mr. Trout made a motion to appoint Greg Bisch to the 9-1-1 Board, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten stated that the only other business was a thank you letter received from the Enfield Senior Citizens, thanking the Board for their annual contribution.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.